



December 17, 2008

Stan Dixon
Chair
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Dear Chairman Dixon:

Last month Governor Schwarzenegger signed Executive Order S-13-08 that in part directs the Resources Agency, through the Climate Action Team, to initiate the state's first comprehensive climate adaptation strategy. We want to ensure we maintain and enhance California's forest health by linking our climate adaptation strategy with our mitigation efforts, as embodied in implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act (Assembly Bill 32). We are writing to express our support for the Resources Agency, through the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF), to lead the implementation process for forest related climate strategies in California.

On Oct. 17, 2008 the BOF adopted a strategic plan designed to meet the AB 32 forestry target of five million metric tons of carbon dioxide by 2020. As the BOF plan suggests, there are significant areas where we can achieve and surpass this mitigation goal while reducing California's vulnerability to climate change impacts across state agencies. We suggest working with you in implementing the following two things:

- 1) Establish an Inter-agency Forestry Working Group (IFWG) to review and provide guidance on all forest related climate strategies and policies.**

This group would be the official forestry subgroup of the Climate Action Team so as not to overlap with previous efforts. This group would meet regularly and coordinate on all climate change related forestry issues. The group would solicit public input and engage in activities to collect information for guidance on how to meet state mitigation and adaptation strategies. BOF and Resources Agency would co-chair this committee and other members would include: Cal/EPA, CALFIRE, ARB, DFG, DWR, CEC, and the U.S. Forest Service.

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- 2) **By March 31, 2009, set a clear agenda for priority topics and tasks to be implemented by June 2010 to fit within ARB's Scoping Plan and state adaptation strategy efforts.**

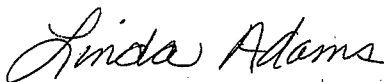
We recommend that the BOF work with the IFWG to establish a clear list of priorities for policy development by March 31, 2009. These policies would include those that are necessary to achieve the goals set forth in the ARB Board adopted AB 32 Scoping Plan.

In summary, we support the efforts of the BOF and Resource Agency in helping to implement the climate change policies of the state. We look forward to working with you and the board to reduce climate impacts and provide resiliency for California.

Sincerely,



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Secretary for
Natural Resources



Linda Adams
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Mary Nichols
Chairman for
the Air Resources Board